The Monstrous Beasts of World Folklore Research Project

Fall 2017 🡪 English CP

**Assignment:**

Whether it is the Sasquatch of North America or the fairies of Ireland, all cultures from around the world have their own unique mythological creatures. Over time, the stories about and belief in these creatures have come to be deeply rooted in their culture, and these beings often stand to symbolize something greater within that particular culture.

Review the provided list of potential research options. You will select one creature/culture to complete research on so that you can develop a 1-page research paper that covers the following elements:

1. The culture of people
2. The creature
3. Physical description of creature
4. What the creature symbolizes 🡪 this may be learned from your research or you may need to draw some conclusions on your own.

In addition to the 1-page research paper, you will complete a hand-drawn and colored 1-page visual to accompany your paper.

Research Options:

**The Manticore** 🡪 Ancient Persia

**The kappa** 🡪 Japan

**The Murupuli** 🡪 India

**Sasquatch** 🡪 North America

**La Llorona** 🡪 Mexico

**Stymphanian** **Birds** 🡪 Ancient Greece

**Kongamato** 🡪 Central Africa

**The** **Kraken** –> Scandinavia

**Cherufe** 🡪 Chile

**Spriggan** 🡪 Cornwall

**Ammit** 🡪 Egypt

**Jinn** 🡪 Arabian Peninsula

**Jumbies** 🡪 Caribbean

**Raróg** 🡪 Eastern Europe

**The** **Rainbow** **Serpent** 🡪 Australia

**Devil** **Bird** / **Ulama** 🡪 Sri Lanka

**Wendigo** 🡪 North America

**Jimenju** 🡪 China\*\*

**Kelpie** 🡪 Scotland

**Draugr** 🡪 Norse

**Menehune** 🡪 Hawaii

**Two**-**Face** (Omaha and Sioux Tribes)🡪 North America \*\*

**Chinese** **Dragon** 🡪 China

**Shisa** 🡪 Japan

Western Dragon 🡪 Europe

**Wyvern** 🡪 Germany / Scandinavia

**Unicorn** 🡪 India and Europe

**Camahueto** 🡪 Chile

**Indrik** 🡪 Russia

**Jba** **Fofi** 🡪 Central Africa

**Lufferlang** 🡪 North America

**Yushkep** **Kamuy** 🡪 Ainu (culture indigenous to Japan and Eastern Russia)

**Sleipnir** 🡪 Norse

**Thunderbird** 🡪 North America\*\*

**Phoenix** 🡪 Greek & Egyptian

**Firebird** 🡪 Russia\*\*

**Jackalope** 🡪 North America

**Ika**-**Roa** 🡪 Maori

**Chimera** 🡪 Ancient Greece

**Griffin** 🡪 Ancient Persia\*\*

**Ozark** **Howler** 🡪 Southern USA

**The** **Pope** **Lick** **Monster** 🡪 Louisville, Kentucky

**Chupacabra** 🡪 Puerto Rico

**The** **Lizard** **Man** **of** **Scape** **Ore** **Swamp** 🡪 South Carolina

**Seelie** **&** **Unseelie** **Fae** 🡪 Celtic\*\*

\*\* Make sure to include place of origin in search for proper results.

**Research Directions:**

To gather information, you will have to do your research using the BHS Databases 🡪 a resource to BHS students that is loaded with reliable and credible information. Be prepared to not find your answers immediately 🡪 research is often a slow process. You will be given time in class to complete most of your research, but the 1-page response and extension activity will be done outside of class.

**Paper Requirements:**

In addition to ensuring that you have responded to the criteria above, your paper will have to be properly MLA formatted with a Works Cited page. Wherever you have paraphrased information or included a direct quote, you will need a parenthetical citation. You will need a minimum of TWO different sources.

Due Date: Your final paper will be submitted to Turnitin.com on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Ensure that you do **not** get flagged for plagiarism by paraphrasing and summarizing **in your own words.**

**Extension Activity:**

Wanted Poster

Needs

* image of creature
* witness description of the creature (who saw it last, what did it look like to them?)
* Last Seen / location
* Word Splash of key terminology related to the creature (at least 10)
* A border on the paper 🡪 should be repeated symbols, terms,
* Two different possible newspaper headlines relating to the creature’s actions
* A flag for the creature’s country/nation/region of origin